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Good evening all,

Please see the following afternoon media analysis for June 4, 2015.

Key issues/ trends:

1. Attorney General's visit
2. Long Beach closure
3. Pipeline corrosion

Criminal charges possible after ruptured pipeline sent 100K gallons of oil onto California beach

<http://fox6now.com/2015/06/04/criminal-charges-possible-after-ruptured-pipeline-sent-100k-gallons-of-oil-onto-california-beach/>

Cleanup crews aren't the only ones working around the clock after a ruptured pipeline sent more than 100,000 gallons of heavy crude oil gushing onto a California state beach and into the ocean.

A large team of lawyers from the state is investigating last month's spill and weighing whether to file civil or criminal charges, California Attorney General Kamala Harris said Thursday.

Santa Barbara spill is prime suspect in L.A.-area tar balls

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-tar-balls-20150605-story.html>

Although beach tar has long been a nuisance of Southern California life, viscous balls of crude oil washing up all over has not.

At first, many officials and scientists figured it might be a coincidence that this occurred after the May 19 oil spill in Santa Barbara County. There are natural oil seeps up and down the coast.

KAMALA HARRIS TOURS SITE OF REFUGIO STATE BEACH OIL SPILL

<http://abc7.com/news/kamala-harris-tours-site-of-refugio-state-beach-oil-spill/767232/>

California Attorney General Kamala Harris got a firsthand look Thursday at the site of the oil spill at Refugio State Beach in Santa Barbara County. Harris says the oil company operating the pipeline could be facing criminal charges.

"We're here to investigate and determine if there was criminal behavior," Harris said.

Let No Crisis Go to Waste

Serious Erosion Issues Plague Ruptured Pipeline

<http://www.independent.com/news/2015/jun/04/let-no-crisis-go-waste/?on>

Political leaders ranging from Winston Churchill to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel have long opined on the importance of never letting a good crisis go to waste. Whether the Refugio oil spill qualifies as "good" depends, no doubt, on one's vantage point. Probably the dead dolphins that washed ashore, their mouths blacken with oil, might have an opinion on the matter.

Pipeline that spilled oil on California coast badly corroded

<http://www.montereyherald.com/general-news/20150604/pipeline-that-spilled-oil-on-california-coast-badly-corroded>

A pipeline rupture that spilled an estimated 101,000 gallons of crude oil near Santa Barbara last

month occurred along a badly corroded section that had worn away to a fraction of an inch in thickness, according to federal regulators.

The preliminary findings released Wednesday by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration point to a possible cause of the May 19 spill that blackened popular beaches and created a 9-mile slick in the Pacific Ocean.

Tar balls close Calif. beach 100 miles from oil spill

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/04/oil-spill-tar-balls-long-beach/28455279/>

Idling Train Caused New Problems For Spill Weary Refugio Residents

<http://www.keyt.com/news/idling-train-caused-new-problems-for-spill-weary-refugio-residents/33389246>

Ranch owners near the Refugio spill site said they spent five days dealing with a new hassle: An idling freight train on the tracks below.

Mark and Susie Tautrim said they both became sick from fumes after the Refugio oil spill. Weeks later, the couple said diesel fumes and constant clanging from an idling Union Pacific train took a toll, both physically and mentally.